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IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A vehicular mirror assembly which may be selectively attached to a vehicle exterior, said vehicular mirror assembly comprising:

a rear-view mirror protective shroud;

a mirror which is wholly and operatively disposed within said protective shroud and having a first half which is proximate to said vehicle and which curves away from a driver of said vehicle and a second planar half which is distal to said vehicle and continuous with said first half, said first half having a height which varies from about zero millimeters to about eight millimeters and which has a continually varying curvature, said mirror further having a score line which is resident upon said first half; and

a switch assembly having a selectively depressible switch member which causes said mirror to move to a predetermined position upon being depressed.

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22. (Previously presented) The vehicular mirror assembly of claim 21 wherein said first half comprises a first portion which provides a first image of an object having a substantially true measure of distance and a second portion which is proximate to said vehicle and which provides a second image of a second object having a false measure of distance.

23. (Previously presented) The vehicular mirror assembly of claim 22 wherein said score line is disposed between said first portion and said second portion of said first half thereby separating said first image of an object having a substantially true measure of distance from said second image of a second object having a false measure of distance.

24. (Previously presented) The vehicular mirror assembly of claim 21 wherein said continuously varying curvature is inversely proportional to a radius of curvature.

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25. (Previously presented) A method for increasing the rearward viewing range of a driver of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mirror assembly having a mirror with a planar half and a curved half, wherein said curved half has a height which varies from about zero millimeters to about eight millimeters and which has a continually varying curvature, said curved half having a first portion which is proximate to said planar half and which provides a first image having a substantially true measure of distance and a second portion which provides a second image having a false measure of distance;

forming a score line upon said curved half between said first portion and said second portion, effective to separate said first image from said second image;

coupling said mirror assembly to an exterior of said vehicle, wherein said planar half of said mirror is distal to said vehicle and said curved half of said mirror is proximate to said vehicle; and

adjusting said mirror assembly to cause said score line to be visually aligned with a rear portion of said vehicle.

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26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said continuously varying curvature is inversely proportional to a radius of curvature.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said step of coupling said mirror assembly to an exterior of said vehicle further comprises the steps of:

providing a mirror housing;

mounting said mirror assembly within said mirror housing;

and

coupling said mirror housing to a driver's-side of said vehicle exterior.